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To provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in response to a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strategic Energy Pro-
3 duction Act of 2012”.

4 **SEC. 2. PLAN FOR INCREASING DOMESTIC OIL AND GAS EX-**
5 **PLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUC-**
6 **TION FROM FEDERAL LANDS IN RESPONSE**
7 **TO STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE DRAW-**
8 **DOWN.**

9 Section 161 of the Energy Policy and Conservation
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 6241) is amended by adding at the end
11 the following new subsection:

12 “(k) PLAN.—

13 “(1) CONTENTS.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
15 days after the date on which the Secretary exe-
16 cutes, in accordance with the provisions of this
17 section, the first drawdown after the date of en-
18 actment of this subsection of petroleum prod-
19 ucts in the Reserve, regardless of whether the
20 drawdown is made by sale, exchange, or loan,
21 the Secretary shall develop a plan to increase
22 the percentage of Federal lands (including sub-
23 merged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf)
24 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agri-
25 culture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary
26 of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense

1 leased for oil and gas exploration, development,
2 and production. The percentage of the total
3 amount of the Federal lands described in the
4 preceding sentence by which the plan developed
5 under this paragraph will increase leasing for
6 oil and gas exploration, development, and pro-
7 duction shall be the same as the percentage of
8 petroleum in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve
9 that was drawn down.

10 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The plan devel-
11 oped under this paragraph shall—

12 “(i) be consistent with a national en-
13 ergy policy to meet the present and future
14 energy needs of the Nation consistent with
15 economic goals; and

16 “(ii) promote the interests of con-
17 sumers through the provision of an ade-
18 quate and reliable supply of domestic
19 transportation fuels at the lowest reason-
20 able cost.

21 “(C) ENERGY INFORMATION.—The Sec-
22 retary shall base the determination of the
23 present and future energy needs of the Nation,
24 for purposes of subparagraph (B)(i), on infor-

1 mation from the Energy Information Adminis-
2 tration.

3 “(2) LIMITATION.—The plan developed under
4 paragraph (1) shall not provide for oil and gas ex-
5 ploration, development, and production leasing of a
6 total of more than 10 percent of the Federal lands
7 described in paragraph (1)(A).

8 “(3) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall de-
9 velop the plan required by paragraph (1) in con-
10 sultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Sec-
11 retary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense.
12 Additionally, in developing the plan, the Secretary
13 shall consult with the American Association of Pe-
14 troleum Geologists and other State, environ-
15 mentalist, and oil and gas industry stakeholders to
16 determine the most geologically promising lands for
17 production of oil and natural gas liquids.

18 “(4) COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS.—
19 Each Federal agency described in paragraph (1)(A)
20 shall comply with any requirements established by
21 the Secretary pursuant to the plan.

22 “(5) EXCLUSIONS.—The lands referred to in
23 paragraph (1)(A) shall not include lands managed
24 under the National Park System or the National
25 Wilderness Preservation System.”.